

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, April 22, 2014
7:30 p.m. – 8:48 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Brennan, Dennis, Stulich (arrived at 7:43 p.m.), Day, Hew and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Groh, Director of Finance

Mayor Fellows opened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 8, 2014. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Kabir announced that the District 1 and District 4 Councilmembers are hosting a Budget Town Hall on Wednesday, April 23 at Davis Hall. He also mentioned the two Farmers Markets that are opening this weekend: Saturday in north College Park and Sunday at City Hall.

Councilmember Brennan announced the City's position in the national Mayors Water Challenge. He also described his meeting last week with the seniors at Attick Towers.

Councilmember Day announced the Calvert Hills Citizens Association meeting Wednesday, April 23 at the Old Parish House.

Mayor Fellows recognized Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell, newly appointed to the Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Workgroup.

Proclamations: Mayor Fellows read the proclamation for Arbor Day 2014.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro announced that the Public Works yard is open on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The current number of people who have signed up for the City's listserv, College Park Connected, is 717. There is a revised version of 14-O-03 in the red folders for introduction tonight.

Student Liaison's Report: Catherine McGrath said the SGA is introducing a resolution asking University administrators and the City of College Park to address pedestrian safety in light of the

pedestrian accident this week. This is the fourth pedestrian incident in 10 months; three have been fatalities.

(Councilmember Stullich arrived.)

Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items:

Dave Dorsch, 4607 Calvert Road: Commented on the tragic accident on US 1. He suggested a fence in the median to inhibit jaywalking and a railing at the curb outside Cornerstone. Students challenge traffic late at night. They should take responsibility for their own safety.

Ms. McGrath said that part of the problem is that on-campus, cars always stop for pedestrians, so they become somewhat conditioned that cars will stop for them even when they are off-campus. This should be a multi-faceted safety approach.

PRESENTATIONS:

Maryland Day 2015, Cheryl Plante, Associate Director, UMD Marketing: Ms. Plante invited everyone to attend Saturday's Maryland Day event.

Emissions Reduction and Sustainability in College Park: Matthew Popkin, a Masters Candidate in Public Policy, presented an overview of his comprehensive strategy on emissions reduction and sustainability in College Park. The final report will be provided in May.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:

14-G-45 Award of FY '14 Community Services Grants as follows: The National Museum of Language, Inc. for language camp and events: \$2,333; Lakeland Community Heritage Project for Lakeland Heritage events: \$2,333; American Legion Auxiliary, College Park Unit 217 for scholarships for Miss College Park pageant participants: \$2,333; Pregnancy Aid Centers, Inc. for their food pantry program: \$2,333; Boy Scout Troop 298 to subsidize boy scout program: \$1,500; Cub Scout Pack 298 to subsidize cub scout program: \$1,500; College Park Woods Swim Club for senior summer day camp: \$2,333; Embry Center for Family Life for Lakeland All-Stars basketball program: \$2,333; College Park Church of the Nazarene for College Park community library: \$1,500; and Holy Redeemer Catholic Church for the Safe Haven program: \$1,500, for a total of \$19,998.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS

14-O-02 Introduction of 14-O-02, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, MD

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to introduce 14-O-02, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, MD.

The public hearing will be held on May 13, 2014 at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

14-O-03 Introduction of 14-O-03, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Amending Chapter 87, "Building Construction" To Add §87-25, "Installation And Maintenance Of Underground Utilities In City Rights Of Way" And Chapter 110, "Fees and Penalties."

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Day to introduce 14-O-03, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Amending Chapter 87, "Building Construction" To Add §87-25, "Installation And Maintenance Of Underground Utilities In City Rights Of Way" And Chapter 110, "Fees and Penalties."

The public hearing will be held on May 27 at 7:15 p.m.

14-G-46 Appointments to Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to appoint Tricia Homer to the Education Advisory Committee, Richard Morrison to the Neighborhood Stabilization Committee, and Nick Brennan to the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee. The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Wojahn asked his colleagues to suggest ideas for the FY '15 Action Plan prior to the May 10 Council/Staff retreat. Mr. Nagro mentioned this is a discussion item on the May 20 agenda. Councilmember Stullich discussed the draft agenda for the retreat, which does not include developing the FY '15 Action Plan, and her thoughts about how to handle Strategic Plan discussions in the future.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Day to adjourn the meeting. With a vote of 8 – 0 – 0 , Mayor Fellows adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 10:29 p.m. on April 15, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to enter into an Executive Session to “Consult with Counsel on a legal matter.”

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

Present: Mayor Andrew Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Brennan, Stullich, Day, Hew and Mitchell.

Absent: Councilmember Dennis

Also Present: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Catherine McGrath, Student Liaison.

After a brief recess, the closed session began at 10:36 p.m.

Topics Discussed: The City Attorney advised the City Council about legal issues relating to a referendum petition form, the City Charter and state law.

Actions Taken: None.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adjourn the Executive Session, and with a vote of 7 – 0 – 0, Mayor Fellows adjourned the Executive Session at 11:03 p.m.